

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-34 (Canceled).

Claim 35. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus having a copy mode and a facsimile mode, the image recording apparatus comprising:

a panel ~~section~~ which has input keys operable to input a numerical value corresponding to at least one of a number of copies in the copy mode and a telephone number of a destination in the facsimile mode;

a display ~~section~~ which selectively displays one of a screen for the copy mode and a screen for the facsimile mode, a display capacity of the screen in the copy mode being smaller than a display capacity of the screen in the facsimile mode; and

a controller which, when the copy mode is set and when the numerical value input by the panel ~~section~~ exceeds the display capacity of the screen in the copy mode, switches from the copy mode to the facsimile mode.

Claim 36. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the display capacity of the screen, when the input numerical value corresponding to the number of copies is displayed, is smaller than the display capacity of the screen, when the input numerical value corresponding to the telephone number of the destination is displayed.

Claim 37. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus having a copy mode and a facsimile mode, the image recording apparatus comprising:

a panel ~~section~~ which has input keys operable to input a numerical value corresponding to at least one of a number of copies in the copy mode and a telephone number of a destination in the facsimile mode, and which has a start key which starts at least one of copying and facsimile transmission; and

a controller which determines whether or not the numerical value input by the panel ~~section~~ is exceeds a predetermined number of digits of the numerical value corresponding to the number of copies when the copy mode is set, and which, when the numerical value input by the panel ~~section~~ is not exceeds the predetermined number of digits of the numerical value corresponding to the number of copies and when the start key is actuated, maintains the copy mode and inhibits starting copying;

the controller further being configured to wait for another input by the panel ~~section~~ in the copy mode, when the controller inhibits copying.

Claim 38. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the controller determines that the input numerical value corresponds to the number of copies by using, as a threshold value, a number of digits less than the number of digits utilized for the telephone number of the destination.

Claim 39. (Currently Amended) The image recording apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the another input by the panel ~~section~~ comprises an input of a reset key.

Claim 40. (Currently Amended) An image recording apparatus having a copy mode and a facsimile mode, the image recording apparatus comprising:

a panel ~~section~~ which has input keys operable to input at least a numerical value corresponding to one of the number of copies in the copy mode and a telephone number of a destination in the facsimile mode; and

a controller which determines, when the copy mode is set, whether or not an input by the panel ~~section~~ during the input of the numerical value corresponding to the number of copies includes a predetermined character and which switches from the copy mode to the facsimile mode when the input by the panel ~~section~~ during the input of the numerical value corresponding to the number of copies includes the predetermined character, the predetermined character not including a numerical value.

Claim 41. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the predetermined character comprises a pause.

Claim 42. (Currently Amended) The image recording apparatus according to claim 40, wherein when the controller switches from the copy mode to the facsimile mode, the numerical value input by the panel ~~section~~ is retained, the retained numerical value being utilized in the facsimile mode.

Claim 43. (Currently Amended) The image recording apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the controller combines digits of a numerical value input by the panel ~~section~~ in the facsimile mode with digits of the retained numerical value, after the controller switches from the copy mode to the facsimile mode, and calls the destination based on the telephone number including the retained numerical value.

Claim 44. (Previously Presented) A method for controlling an image recording apparatus having a copy mode and a facsimile mode, the method comprising:

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inputting a numerical value corresponding to at least one of a number of copies in the copy mode and a telephone number of a destination in the facsimile mode;

selectively displaying one of a screen for the copy mode and a screen for the facsimile mode, a display capacity of the screen in the copy mode being smaller than a display capacity of the screen in the facsimile mode;

setting the copy mode; and

switching from the copy mode to the facsimile mode, when the input numerical value exceeds the display capacity of the screen in the copy mode.

Claim 45. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image recording apparatus having a copy mode and a facsimile mode, the image recording apparatus having a start key which starts at least one of copying and facsimile transmission, the method comprising:

inputting a numerical value corresponding to at least one of a number of copies in the copy mode and a telephone number of a destination in the facsimile mode;

determining whether or not the input numerical value is exceeds a predetermined number of digits of a numerical value corresponding to the number of copies when the copy mode is set;

inhibiting of the copying when the input numerical value ~~is not~~ exceeds the predetermined number of digits of the numerical value corresponding to the number of copies, even if the start key is actuated; and

waiting for another input in the copy mode when copying is inhibited, the copy mode being maintained when copying is inhibited.

Claim 46. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling an image recording apparatus having a copy mode and a facsimile mode, the method comprising:

inputting a numerical value corresponding to at least one of the number of copies in the copy mode and a telephone number of a destination in the facsimile mode;

determining, when the copy mode is set, whether or not the input includes a predetermined character during input of the numerical value corresponding to the number of copies;

switching from the copy mode to the facsimile mode when the input includes the predetermined character during input of the numerical value corresponding to the number of copies, the predetermined character not including the numerical value.

Claim 47. (Previously Presented) The image recording apparatus according to claim 35, wherein the controller is configured to switch to the facsimile mode in response to the numerical value exceeding the display capacity of the screen in the copy mode.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented) The method for controlling according to claim 44, wherein the switching is in response to the input numerical value exceeding the display capacity of the screen in the copy mode.